

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 (currently amended). An animal holding pen comprising:

(a) a front panel, a rear panel and left and right side panels, each of the panels being generally rectangular and of a smooth polymeric material, the front and rear panels each including first and second elongated apertures of a predetermined width formed therethrough at vertically spaced locations adjacent opposed vertical edges thereof; and

(b) a pair of fasteners affixed to the side panels at vertically spaced locations corresponding to the spacing between said first and second elongated apertures, said fasteners comprising bolts having a shank passing through bores in the side panels and an arcuate portion on the shank adapted to pass through the elongated apertures when the arcuate portion is in a horizontal plane but not when the arcuate portion is in a vertical plane and adapted to fit through the elongated apertures when the fasteners are disposed in a first orientation but not when the fasteners are disposed in a second orientation.

2 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 1 and further including:

(a) said front panel having an opening sufficiently large to permit a confined animal's head to pass therethrough; and

(b) a food pail holder affixed to the front panel at a location below said opening.

3 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 2 when the food pail holder comprises a platform having at least one hole formed therethrough in which a food pail can be inserted and retained.

4 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 3 wherein the platform is pivotally joined to the front panel to be movable from a position parallel to the front panel to a position perpendicular to the front panel.

5 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 4 and further including a pair of parallel, spaced-apart vertical ribs affixed to the front panel, the platform being pivotally mounted between the pair of vertical ribs.

6 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 5 and further including a pair of straps coupled between opposed side edges of the platform and the pair of vertical ribs for limiting the extent that the platform can be moved.

7 (original). . The animal holding pen as in claim 1 wherein each of the side panels includes a reinforcing strut disposed along opposed vertical edges thereof with said pair of fasteners being affixed to the reinforcing struts.

Claim 8 is cancelled.

9 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 8 wherein the arcuate portion is J-shaped.

10 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 9 wherein the shank of the bolts are sufficiently long to permit the front panel to be pivoted relative to a front vertical edge of a side panel to permit entry and exit of a person or an animal into and from the holding pen.

11 (original). The animal holding pen as in claim 1 wherein each of the front panel, rear panel and left side panel and right side panel have a reinforcement integrally formed along a top and a bottom edge thereof.